

Bridget Divers

Daughter of Regiment

- Accompanied the First Michigan Cavalry regiment during the Civil War
- Also known as Michigan Bridget, Irish Biddy, Deavers, Dever
- Well known for her fearlessness and skill in bringing in the wounded
- Served as an unofficial oral historian for the U.S. Christian Commission providing information about the 1st Michigan Cavalry
- Diver's husband was a private in the Michigan Cavalry
- If a soldier fell in action, she would take his place and fight as bravely as the best
- Rode with troops night and day, wearing out horses until they dropped from exhaustion
- Rode on Rebel soil to retrieve her dead captain's body, strapped him on her horse, and rode for 15 miles where he was shipped to his family in Michigan
- Immediately after delivering her captain's body, she was sent back into the battlefield to retrieve the wounded with ambulances
- After the war she remained with the regiment and accompanied them to Texas and the base of the Rocky Mountains